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1. VEB Isolierstoff- und Kondensatorenwerk, Berlin-Weissensee, Lehnstrasse 34-35, was Jaroslav Erste Glimmerwaren Fabrik Deutschlands until it was taken over in 1941 by Scherz und Schwer. In 1945 it was completely dismantled by the Russians but in 1947 was rebuilt and put back into operation. Until March 1953 it was subordinate to VVB IKI, Leipzig. After March 1953 VEB Isolierstoff became a major plant of the Main Administration for General Machine Construction (HV Allgemeiner Maschinenbau), under the East German Ministry for General Machine Construction.

2. From 1945 until 1947 the plant was controlled by the Soviet Military Authority in Weissensee, with offices in the Grosse See-Strasse. In 1949 it was changed into a VEB enterprise. The plant produces high voltage equipment, laminated paper insulation materials for electrical equipment (Schnittpressstoff), synthetic insulation material for electrical equipment ("Mikanit").

3. The following are leading personnel at VEB Isolierstoff:

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- a. The Plant Director, 1949-1951, was Dr. Gerhard Trowandt.

The Plant Director, 1951-January 1953, was Willi Radnik.

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The Plant Director, January 1953 to present, is Gerhard Tulatz.

b. The Commercial Director, Gerhard Bangert,

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c. The Technical Director, Konrad Stache,

d. The Chief Bookkeeper, Werner Rohde,

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e. The Chief of the Planning Section, Georg Woznik,

4. Orders for the Soviet Union consisted almost exclusively of high-voltage equipment, such as high-voltage condensers for interior and exterior mounting. VEB Isolierstoff is actually an industrial supplier of insulating materials and electrical parts to TRAG, Dresden (formerly Koch und Stersel), who manufacture the completed high tension installations for the Soviet Union. However, VEB Isolierstoff also ships completed condensers manufactured in its own plant to the Soviet Union. Most of these deliveries were addressed to individual Field Post Units ^{3/}, with final destination given as "Eriwan, USSR". Until 1952, Wismut A. G. received deliveries of approximately 20 to 25 percent of the plant capacity for production of Schichtpresstoffe. These deliveries consisted of pipe, "profile" and Likanit products and went direct to AUC. The total planned production of Schichtpresstoffe at the plant amounts to about 2,000,000 DM per year. During 1953, however, deliveries of this material to Wismut have almost stopped.

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9. Through 1952 all equipment and materials produced at VEB Isolierstoff for eventual shipment to the Soviet Union ~~were~~ accepted by Russian engineers, who appeared at the plant both in uniform and in civilian clothing. In 1953, however, this acceptance work was done by German engineers who ostensibly came from TRARO, Dresden, and handled acceptance of materials to be shipped to TRARO for incorporation into installations which are completed in the TRARO plant.
10. In addition to its direct export shipments to the USSR and the supplying of intermediate products to TRARO, VEB Isolierstoff also delivers condensers and insulating materials to SAG AMO, Magdeburg (formerly ~~Buckan-Wolf~~), to SAG AMO, Eisenach, to NAG, ~~4~~ Oberschoeneweide, and to Kombinat Boehlen. The latter receives mainly insulating materials and "Mikanit" products.
11. No orders were received by the VEB Isolierstoff directly from USIG. The only direct orders received for shipment to the USSR were ~~reparations~~ orders for direct delivery of high-voltage condensers and were issued by a Russian Reparations Office located in Dorotheen Strasse. Since the actual orders were recopied onto a plant form, giving only delivery information and specification, the exact format of the orders or other details which might identify the ordering unit are not known. All Russian orders called for packaging by sea transport. The completed shipments, packed in wooden crates, were picked up by the Derutra office in Berlin-Osthafen.

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2/ Comment: VEB Transformator- und Roentgenwerk, Dresden.

4/ Comment: Nationale Automobilgesellschaft, Berlin-Oberschoeneweide.

5/ Comment: The 1941 Amtliches Fernsprechbuch (telephone directory) for Berlin lists the following firm: Elektro-Glimmer-u. Presswerke Scherb & Schwer KG. vorm. (formerly) Jaroslaw.

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